

LRC/iVE[ST]

Newsletter January 2008

News and Events

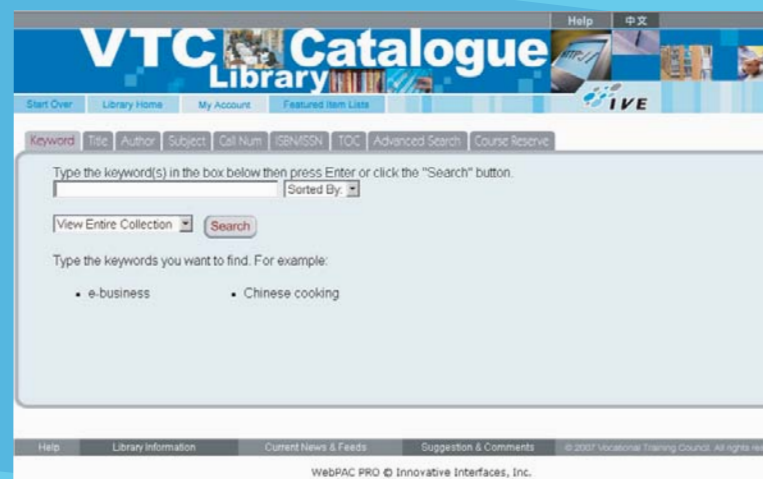
Training sessions on e-Library System and major electronic resources would be held on 5 February 2008 in Room 439 at Sha Tin Campus as follows:

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm: Briefing on VTC e-Journal System, eBook MetaSearch System and Library Catalogue

4:00 pm - 4:30 pm: Mingpao.com

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm: ProQuest/Factiva.com

A briefing session for new staff on using the IT facilities and operating the audio-visual equipment in classrooms would be conducted on 24 January 2008. Further details will be announced in due course.



A book exhibition organized with the Academic & Professional Book Centre was held on 15 January 2008 in Room 201 at Sha Tin Campus for Sha Tin Nexus staff to select library and bench books.



Congratulations to our staff KWOK Siu-yan and Alice KONG who won the VTC Staff Excellence Awards 2006/07. They received the Awards in the Presentation Ceremony on 14 December 2007.



In collaboration with Y5Zone, all IVE staff and students enjoyed the free wireless networking service in public areas such as KFC, McDonald, Starbucks since December 2007. For login to the service, your VTC e-mail address and password are required to select SSID by "Y5ZONE" on your Wi-Fi devices such as PDA, smart-phone or notebook computers. For more information on the hot-spots, please visit the following web page:

<http://www.y5zone.com/main/hotspot.do?status=home>



To enhance and improve the learning resources facilities in our campus, the construction works to extend and renovate the old Library has been started since November 2007. The new Learning Resources Centre (LRC) would have a floor area of 2600 m2 in providing a one-stop open access for the learning resources with integrated facilities on IT, library, AV and multi-media production. The new LRC is expected to be completed for use before the Academic Year 2008/09.



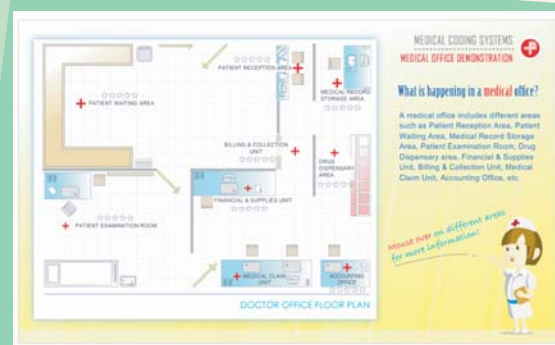
The Sha Tin Nexus Teaching Technology Production Team (STNTTPT), which is part of the Sha Tin Nexus Teaching Technology Working Team, has been relocated from the KC campus and joined us since October 2007. The Team mainly focuses on the development of the interactive e-learning projects for ST, KC and KT campuses. The Team works closely with the Teaching & Learning Centre as well as the teaching departments on the development of various projects such as

AS - Medical Coding Systems and e-Learning Portal for Operation of Analytical Instruments

BA - Interactive Learning Double Entry System

CP - Digital 3D Modeling E-learning Package

LC - e-Chinese for PTE Students and e-Putonghua for PTE Students



New Services and Facilities

Extension of Wireless LAN Coverage

To provide convenience of access to online resources, the wireless network coverage will be extended to cover the open sitting areas of 3/F and 4/F in February 2008. All open area on G/F has been covered.



Online Access to SCMP

Internet version of the South China Morning Post (5-user account) has been subscribed for library users starting from 7 January 2008. For further details, please contact our Library staff.



Extension of Opening Hours of the Study Room

Since 1 November 2007, the Opening Hours of the Student Study Room (Room 405A) has been extended from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, from Monday to Friday, during term time.

Video Broadcasting Service

The Plasma TV has been located near the entrance of the Student Canteen since September 2007. It is welcome for showing the videos of Departmental activities and campus events. For further details and arrangement, please contact our staff at 22567642 or st-etv@vtc.edu.hk.



Upgraded PCs in Teaching Venues

For improvement in presentation, the lecture theatre and classroom computers have been upgraded to have installation of DVD drives in September 2007 so as to facilitate teaching and learning.



Web Filtering System

A Web Filtering System, "Screen Door", has been installed in all department student PCs in the first Semester to block students' access to the pornographic, gaming and gambling web sites. The System has been extended to staff PCs since 9 January 2008.



Useful links for the LRC services

Homepage of Computer Centre: <http://www.vtc.edu.hk/ive/st/cc/index.htm>

Homepage of the Educational Technology Unit: <http://www.vtc.edu.hk/ive/st/etu/eng/>

Classroom equipment user guide: http://www.vtc.edu.hk/ive/st/etu/images/ETU_equipment_user_guide.pdf

Homepage of the Library: <http://stcc.vtc.edu.hk/lib/>

IVE Library Catalogue: <http://webpac.vtc.edu.hk/>

Contact information for units of the LRC

Computer Centre

Office location: Room 441

Enquiry telephone no.: 2256 7681

Fax no.: 2601 6354

E-mail: st-cc@vtc.edu.hk

Educational Technology Unit

Office/Workshop location: Room 124

Enquiry telephone no. : 2256 7645

Fax no.: 2256 7643

E-mail: st-etu@vtc.edu.hk

Library

Enquiry telephone no.: 2256 7623 / 2256 7630

Fax no.: 2256 7620 / 2256 7638

E-mail: st-lib@vtc.edu.hk